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SUBJECT: CEP FOR PAKISTAN

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1. CEP FOR PAKISTAN CONTAINED REFTEL PRESENTS EXCELLENT OVER-VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND MAKES SOUND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION.

2. A. INTRODUCTION. RECOMMEND THAT LAST PORTION OF LAST SENTENCE READ "...KAUT THE ELECTIONS INITIALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER, 1977 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE ONGOING PROCESS OF "ACCOUNTABILITY", AN EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION OF CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES BY THE FORMER BHUTTO REGIME, IS COMPLETED.

---A.Q.A - TORTURE - INSERT PHRASE "WHICH REMAINS IN EFFECT" AFTER "THE 1973 CONSTITUTION" IN FIRST SENTENCE.

---A.1.A. - IN SECOND SENTENCE, RECOMMEND INSERTIONS OF WORD "SOME" BETWEEN "IN" AND "CRIMINAL".

---A.1.D. DENIAL OF A FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL - AFTER THE SECOND SENTENCE WHICH ENDS "...TO THE CIVIL COURTS", INSERT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. "THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF ARRANGING FOR RELEASE ON BAIL OF THE DEFENDENTS IN THIS CASE".

---A.2.A. - FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION, ASSEMBLY. IN THIRD SENTENCE, AFTER PHRASE "...AGAINST FORMER PRIME  
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MINISTER BHUTTO", INSERT "AND OTHERS ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL/ CORRUPT ACTIVITIES".

---A.2A. - IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH, CHANGE PHRASE "AND ATTRACT" TO "HAVE ATTRACTED".

--LAST SENTENCE OF SAME PARAGRAPH, CORRECT NAME OF ORGANIZATION IS THE "ALL PAKISTAN WOMENS ASSOCIATION".

--SAME SENTENCE, INSERT "INTEREST" BETWEEN "POWERFUL"

AND "GROUPS".

---A.3.B - SECOND SENTENCE, ADD PHRASE "WHO HELD OFFICE FORMERLY" AFTER "...ALL CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE".

---A.4 RECOMMEND THAT FIRST TWO SENTENCES READ AS FOLLOWS:

"GENERAL ZIA HAS STATED THAT THE JULY TAKE-OVER WAS CAUSE BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT'S RIGGING OF ELECTIONS, THE DETENTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION, AND A GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER. THE NEW REGIME, SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC BECAUSE IT ENDED THE POLITICAL TURMOIL IN THE COUNTRY, CAME TO POWER PROMISING TO REVERSE THE CORRUPT POLICIES OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT AND TO INSURE THAT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD NOT BE TRANSGRESSED AGAIN".

--A.4 IN SAME PRAGRAPH, FIFTH SENTENCE. AFTER "THE SUPREME COURT" ADD THE PHRASE "--WHICH RETAINS IT INDEPENDENCE--". IN SAME SENTENCE, AFTER THE PHRASE "...FOR MARTIAL LAW RESTED ON ITS LIMITED NATURE", ADD "AND THAT THE CIVIL COURTS HAD AUTHORITY TO REVIEW MARTIAL LAW ACTIONS TO DETERMINE THEIR CONSTITUTIONALITY. THE COURT ALSO URGED THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINIST-RATOR..."

--SAME SECTION, THIRD SENTENCE FROM THE END. AFTER PHRASE "TO THWART OPPOSITION GROUPS", SUBSTITUTE "AND TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE NATION'S DISINTEGRATION" FOR REST OF SENTENCE.

---B.1. SECOND SENTENCE. AFTER PHRASE "WILL USE QUIET CONFIDENTIAL

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DIPLOMACY TO" SUBSTITUTE "REINFORCE GENERAL ZIA'S FREQUENTLY STATED GOAL TO RETURN THE GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIAN CONTROL AND REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS." FOR REST OF SENTENCE.

---SAME PARAGRAPH, THIRD SENTENCE FROM THE END, ADD AFTER "...MAJORITY OF POOR PERSONS," THE FOLLOWING PHRASE, "A GOAL PUBLICLY ENDORSED BY GENERAL ZIA,"

---B.2 - SECOND SENTENCE. WE RECOMMEND THE SENTENCE END AFTER THE PHRASE "PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROGRAM". WE THINK THE LAST CLAUSE MAY BE SEEN AS SELF-SERVING AND IS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN PAKISTAN AT THE TIME.

---B.2 - RECOMMEND THAT LAST SENTENCE READ AS FOLLOWS. "PAKISTANIS FROM ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY WOULD FAVOR MORE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION FOCUSED ON RESPECT OFR THE INDIVIDUAL, PROVIDED IT IS NOT SEEN EITHER AS DIRECTED ONLY AT PAKISTAN, OR AS UNWELCOME INTERFERENCE IN THE COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS".

---B.4.B. - IN FIRST SENTENCE, SUBSTITUTE "CONTINUING" FOR WORD "INCREASING".

--IN SAME SECTION, RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE INSERTED AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE. "THEY WILL ALSO

PROBABLY CONTINUE TO REFLECT THE GENERAL DEVELOPING  
WORLD VIEW THAT CONCERNS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MUST ALSO  
INCLUDE AN INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL SITUATIONS IN THE THIRD WORLD."

DELETE "HOWEVER" FROM SENTENCE FOLLOWING.

--IN LAST SENTENCE OF SAME SECTION, INSERT THE PHRASE  
"OF GENERAL THIRD WORLD CONCERN" AFTER "TO PROBLEMS".

--B.5. RECOMMEND SECTION BEGIN "AFTER REFUSING TO  
COOPERATE WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL..."

---SAME SECTION, SECOND SENTENCE, REMOVE PHRASE "A  
TRIBAL AREA" AND SUBSTITUTE "AZAD KASHMIR, A GOP-  
CONTROLLED AREA,".

--IN FOLLOWING SENTENCE, INSERT THE WORD "THEN"  
BEFORE "ATTORNEY GENERAL".

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